

POLITICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES No. 27, October 6, 1966

Present: Barnes, DeBerry, Halstead, Hansen, Kerry, Novack, Shaw, Sheppard.

Visitor: Ring.

Chairman: Shaw.

Agenda:

1. Antiwar Report.
2. International.
3. CLR Conference.
4. Plenum.

1. ANTIWAR REPORT

Halstead reported on the plans to build the Nov. 5-8 protest nationally and locally. Three tours are planned. Frank Emspak has completed a tour of the Pacific Northwest and will tour the Southwest. A tour is planned for the East Coast and for the South.

There are indications that SANE and SDS nationally are not working to build the protest.

In New York the events will begin with a mass rally on Nov. 5. Tentative plans include campus activities on Nov. 7, possibly a city-wide teach-in. On Tuesday, massive leafleting of the polls will take place.

Report on the Fort Hood Three defense work.

Discussion: Ring, Barnes, Kerry, Hansen, Halstead, DeBerry.

2. INTERNATIONAL

Hansen reported:

(a) Several versions of a pamphlet on the imprisonment of Polish political prisoners has been published. One has been published in France with an introduction by Pierre Frank.

Proposal to reprint Pierre's introduction in the press.

Discussion: Kerry, Sheppard, Novack.

General agreement.

(b) Germain's pamphlet on Healy's political evolution is about ready for publication. It is not yet certain if it will be published in England or elsewhere.

3. CLR CONFERENCE

Shaw reported that the "Conference on Power and Politics," sponsored by the "Californians for Liberal Representation" in Los Angeles Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, was attended by comrades from

Los Angeles and the Bay Area. An article sent to the paper from Los Angeles contained a different evaluation of the conference than that reported by the Bay Area comrades who had contacted us earlier. We have written both Los Angeles and the Bay Area for further clarification of views.

Discussion: Kerry, Hansen, Barnes, Novack, Halstead, Shaw, DeBerry, Sheppard.

Motion: To print an analytical article on background as well as the factual report on the conference.

Carried.

Motion: To have a series of analytical articles on the new alignments within and outside the framework of the Democratic party.

Carried.

4. PLENUM

Shaw reported that Arne Swabeck has submitted a document to the National Committee entitled "The Socialist Cultural Revolution in China." He will not be able to attend the plenum and asks that his views as contained in the document be made available to NC members.

Motion: To circulate the Swabeck document for information of NC members with the understanding that this is not to be misconstrued as a decision to reopen discussion on the Chinese question in the party or the National Committee.

Discussion: Kerry, Novack, Hansen.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.